(b) The amount of royalty that has accrued to the Government of Gujarat for the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 in respect of crude oil and natural gas obtained by ONGC from the State of Gujarat is as follows:—

| | Rs. Crores |
|---|---|
| 1992-93 . . . | 494.28 |
| 1993-94 . . . | 332.58 |

(c) Out of the royalty of Rs. 332.58 crores that has accrued to the Govt. of Gujarat for the year 1993-94, an amount of Rs. 300.43 crores has been paid so far.

(d) The balance amount of royalty payable to the Govt. of Gujarat as on December 31, 1993 was Rs. 50.52 crores.

**Development of cauvery basin refinery**

5725. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken to further develop the Cauvery Basin Refinery;

(b) whether the Madras Refinery has submitted any proposal to develop Nagapatnam Port to facilitate the crude transport; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Crude distillation unit at Narimanam of Madras Refineries Ltd., was commissioned with a capacity to process 0.5 MMTPA crude. The refinery capacity has been decided based on the estimated average annual crude production from these fields.

(b) and (c) Presently Government has no such proposal under consideration.

**Reduction in the Import Bill of Crude Oil**

5726. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a reduction in the country's import bill of crude oil;

(b) what are the details of the same during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(c) whether the reduction has been achieved as a result of fall in international prices of oils or reduction in domestic consumption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH SHARMA): (a) There is a reduction in the import bill of crude oil in terms of dollars for the year 1993-94 as compared to the previous year 1992-93.

(b) The cost of import of crude oil during the last three years is as under:

Cost/US $ Million

| 1991-92 | 1992-93 | 1993-94* |
|---|---|---|
| 3000.90 | 3830.99 | 3313.86 |

*Provisional.

(c) The reduction in terms of dollars in the cost of crude oil during 1993-94 is mainly due to lower crude oil prices in the international market.

**Allocation of Kerosene Oil to states**

5727. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether per capita allocation of Kerosene for Public Distribution